

# Matthew 5:6-7

## *Application Questions*

1. How does the world pursue happiness? According to verse 6, what must we pursue in order to find happiness? How hungry are you for righteousness? What “junk food” could spoil your appetite? (For example, wealth/material possessions, fitness/beauty, career advancement, recognition, recreation, entertainment, hobbies, etc.)
2. In your own words, briefly explain the doctrines of justification and sanctification. Which is in view in verse 6?
3. In Philippians 3:12-14, Paul describes his desire to lay hold of that for which Christ laid hold of him. The Lord revealed this purpose to Paul at his conversion (Acts 26:14-18). Do you know the purpose for which Christ has laid hold of you? If you would fulfill that purpose, what things behind must you forget? What things ahead must you strive to attain?
4. In your own words, describe what it means to be merciful (v. 7)?
5. What sort of people do you find it most difficult to be merciful toward (the sexually immoral, people of a different political party, people of a false religion or cult, the self-righteous, those who drink alcohol or take drugs, the lazy, gossips, liars, thieves, hypocrites, etc.)? How might you develop a more merciful and Christlike attitude toward them?